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RESPONSE

This is in response to the action mailed August 16, 2000. A request for an appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice and amend claims 18, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 39, and 40 as follows:

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18. (Amended) A method of obtaining an antibody, comprising:
providing a mammal having a cell which is Aiolos deregulated and having an
antigen; and
isolating an antibody against the antigen from the animal or from a hematopoietic
cell derived from the animal, to thereby obtain an antibody.

19. The method of claim 18, the mammal is a mouse

20. The method of claim 18, wherein the mammal is an Aiolos transgenic mouse.

21. (Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the antigen [antibody] is [directed
to] an autoantigen.

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